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Editors' Table.

THE general applause that greeted Prof. Howard as he entered the chapel at the opening of the term well shows that the students are pleased to see again their old instructor. His quiet, solid advice, given in a manner that caused it to be appreciated, together with his general sympathy, had made him a friend of all, and his resignation was received with regret by the whole college. Now, with that old-time esteem, the UNDERGRADUATE and students welcome him back and wish him that success which characterized his former work with us.

AMONG the changes that have occurred since our last issue, we note the resignation of Dr. Plehn, professor of history and political science. Dr. Plehn, whose training in Germany had given him a thorough knowledge of his subject, was one who could deeply interest all careful students; and we cannot but feel that the college has suffered a loss by his leaving. Outside the class-room he was a hard worker, pleasant and congenial, ever ready to help the students in any enterprise that required financial support. In his new position at the University of California he has the best wishes of his many friends in Middlebury.

IF the "undevout astronomer is mad," wild must be the person who looks about him, these mellow autumn days, when the marvelous garnerings of a long summer's sunshine and zephyr are manifest on every hand, when the maples don their richest robes and the very air seems teeming with the fruitage of many months, without exclaiming, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

TEN years ago Middlebury college opened her doors and her heart to young women. In '86 the first woman, Miss Chellis, received her diploma. In '87 one more followed, and in '90 two more. From that time to the present there has been a constant and rapid increase in their numbers and the maximum was reached this year. In a small class almost one-half are young ladies. If this rate of increase continues, in a few years the *co.* part will equal the rest of the college. Deeply as we admire the picturesque Oxford caps and wonder at the faultless recitations and pretty dignity of the well-known co-ed figure as she minces up and down the walks of old Middlebury, we should be deeply grieved to believe that this college is becoming a female college. We trust, however, that the future will work a change in the tendency of things. The remedy does not lie in checking the inflowing of women, but in increasing the number of men. Let our faculty put forth every effort to increase the number of our men; let them lay before the prospective Freshman the advantages possessed by our institution; let every student join with them in this work, and we need have no fears

that women will get the upper hand. In the meanwhile we would farther exhort the aspiring genius among our men to gird itself for the fray. The scholarship of the Middlebury co-ed is of a very high order, and, though we have no doubt of the ability of the men to carry off the palm, nevertheless without mighty effort the honors will soon begin to go to co-eds even more than in the past.

THE UNDERGRADUATE welcomes to our College the class of '97. And although, as is the case in many colleges and institutions this year, it is a somewhat smaller class than those of the two preceeding years, undoubtedly from present appearance '97 will not be wanting in scholarship as compared with former classes. We are apt to think it desirable to be members of a large class; but in the end it may be more desirable to belong to a small class, provided they prove themselves scholars and able men in after life. We take this opportunity of asking each member of the class to subscribe for our college paper and in this way become members of the Undergraduate association. Your friends will be glad to receive copies of the paper, and it will give them a much better idea of your college than could be gathered from correspondence. We are also anxious to have each member a contributor for our paper, and those of a literary inclination to become candidates for positions on the next board of editors which will be elected next March. Several new editors will doubtless be elected for the new board, and with comparatively little work by contributing to each issue from now on you may be able to obtain a position which you can hold through your college course. All material contributed and accepted is preserved and counts in the election, whether printed or not. By applying to the editor-in chief you can receive information of material wanted and that most likely to be printed.

WE are sorry to lay aside considerable matter of literary merit which has been handed in for this issue of the UNDERGRADUATE. We believe the publication of a college paper to be for the good and improvement of the student-body and college; that it should be a considerate representative of its institution and faculty to the alumni and college world. No commendatory words are needed for our college. Its past record and alumni speak in lasting tones of distinguished audibleness. With some of the ablest scholars of New England on our faculty, and with a judiciously chosen corporation we believe them fully capable of managing the educational and financial affairs of our college. We desire that as far as possible the UNDERGRADUATE should represent every faction of the college, and we will gratefully receive and publish communications suggesting or asking improvements of the faculty or corporation, provided they are written and submitted in a way beneficial to the students and college. But we cannot, nor have we any desire to publish sarcastic and degrading articles, or those reflecting upon some individual.

THOSE of the present board of editors who wish to retain their positions will have to work for them. This is a matter of which we shall say little after this issue. But the time has come when the holding of a position on the editorial board without doing editorial work is hardly feasible. A careful record is kept of the material contributed by those now on the board, and that contributed by candidates for election to the board, and unless those now on the board work, surprises may follow.

THE large percentage of lady studen's in college would justify several representatives of their number on the editorial board of the UNDERGRADUATE. With their scholarship and standing in college, and with their loyalty to college associations it would seem that this matter ought also to be considered by them. We believe that contributions from this source would prove a valuable feature of our college paper.

R. C. FLAGG, '69, president of Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the class of '93 of that college upon "The Work of the Christian Scholar," with text from Exodus iv, 2, "Behold they will not believe me, nor harken to my voice, for they will say 'The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.'" Among much sound logic, he said: That there is a great work to be wrought in American society if we are ever to realize the ideals of a republic will hardly be denied. . . . This pride in getting and having is what is meant by the materialistic quality, and it colors life in all its departments. Many things in America are like plants growing on a dunghill; rank in stalk and leaf but meagre in fruit. . . . The problem is, how we in America are

going to avert the dangers of luxury and materialism in general. . . . The cabinet-maker, the household spinner and weaver, and all that company of workers in tin and iron and silver and gold, who made every hamlet a manufacturing center where each night the lion of capital and the lamb of labor lay down peacefully together, are now but legendary characters and we are to see no more of them. The question now is, under what other conditions that lion and lamb will behave in like manner. Are envies and strifes, ever and anon breaking out into fiendish war, to be regarded henceforth as the natural order of things? A better solution of the problem is demanded. Our country cries out for it, and she will not rest securely on her foundations until it is supplied. . . . Who is to be the modern Moses to lead in the accomplishment of it? . . . The Christian scholar seems to be the one, and education is the rod of his power. The scholar you may perhaps picture as a mere literary recluse who writes fine books which few read, and spins theories beautiful but impracticable. But not such a man have I in my thought. I mean the man of mind, the man of trained mind, the man whose mind is trained so liberally that he sees the relations of things and can attack the problems of the present with a wisdom distilled from all the experiences of the past, who studies deeply, thinks broadly, comprehends things in their principles and discerns their tendencies, is superior to petty prejudice and bigotry, a lover of truth and a hater of shams -this is the one I mean. . . . It is too late in the day to remand the scholar to the rear. But he must be the Christian in temper and aim, in deed and speech. Completer, richer education is our hope. It is the rod of our power.

A LIBRARY STUDY.

The library, a place where one goes to study the thoughts of the dead, or at least of those practically dead to the student, would perhaps hardly be thought of as a place for studying the living. Yet, to the keen observer of human nature, no place affords such an opportunity for character study as does a public library.

Occupation does affect looks. Peddlers are not noted for honesty, and their faces are far from being open and frank. Butchers are not as a class tender hearted, and their faces are not gentle. Business men do not carry their thoughts on their countenances, only as far as the general thought of business goes. But in a library it is different. Men who have spent all their lives in study reveal as in an open book their feelings when in the sacred precinct of the library. Meditation and study increase the variety of the emotions. How expressive is the face of an old scholar! "His tell-tale body is all tongues."

Note the different methods of those seeking books. Here is one who glances through the catalogue as does a countryman a bill of fare. The literary recluse, the book-worm, picks out with a preoccupied look the desired volume and is buried deep in its pages. The business man brings even here his business-like way, and with quick, intelligent manner finds the desired reference. One in the line at the reading table glances up from his book occasionally and allows his eyes to wander to the floor or the ceiling, seemingly following out a train of thought suggested by the author. Curiosity, too, is not absent. For each time the door opens eyes are raised to see the new-comers, and if there be anything striking in the person's appearance, the glances will follow him several steps.

Then note the librarian's list of books; character is shown very plainly by the general class of books taken, from the reader who draws only morals, to the one who draws only philosopical works, from the scientist to the poet lover. More truly than a man may be known by the company he keeps, may he be known by the books he reads, for the one may be accidental, in a library, the other is from free choice.

How few appreciate a library! What an inestimable privilege is open to all. Demosthenes may be interviewed, Cæsar questioned on his campaigns and methods, Browning and Hawthorne, Shakespeare and Milton may all be brought together to contribute to the enjoyment of the most humble readers. The choicest thoughts of the ablest men may be found and the sagest advice of the ablest philosophers.

"No possession can surpass, or even equal, a good library to the lover of books; no matter what his rank or position may be, the lover of books is the richest and happiest of the children of men."

MARY O. POLLARD, '96.

ADAPTATION IN SPEAKING PIECES.

Speaking pieces seems to be a mania among Americans. As soon after birth as it is possible to acquire a small vocabulary of the English language almost every child is taught "Scarce three years have rolled

away," etc., and on every possible occasion is trotted out and with hands folded behind the back fires away at the head of some innocent visitor. "Scarce three years" is common gender and is used by both sexes indiscriminately; but when the child becomes older the pieces begin to have gender, and we soon hear the girl saying over "Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep," while the boy learns "You'd scarce expect one of my age."

The boy and girl then travel hand in hand along the pathway of life till the girl arrives at the "Barbary Fritchie" age and the boy at the "Sparticus' Address to the Gladiators" age. At this point fortune seems to favor the girl, for she has finished her days of speaking. The boy, however, continues. Yes, he continues, and one hears people having the very best of intentions claim that the majority of evils that visit man are caused by an injudicious consumption of rum regardless of the fact that a young man with a German silver E fiddle-string tone of voice will persist in saving a nation, leading a party to victory or convicting the villain, when his voice is adapted only for portraying some pathetic, soul-stirring love scene, something that flows smoothly along, "softly sweet in Lydian measures." On a subject like this the high-sounding voice could cause tears to flow from the eyes of a graven image.

But the fact is, the average young man, either of his own free will, or by and through the advice of some one else, gets the idea into his head that the human voice is adapted, or can be trained to suit any piece. Now, for instance, take the weeping willow voice. Does it seem possible that a person is endowed with that tone of voice simply to have it tortured into producing an oration that needs a voice so heavy that it can shake an ordinary building from its very foundation? It certainly does not seem reasonable It is necessary that mournful dirges of heroes, statesmen and great writers recently deceased should be sounded in a subdued and melancholy tone of voice. Now what is more natural than that a divine Providence created the weeping-willow tone of voice for that especial purpose?

Again, persons with a saw-filing voice are extremely apt to think (or if they don't think so, their friends and neighbors quite frequently endeavor to inveigle them into believing) that the first step necessary in order to become able to sway an audience is to sand-paper that voice down. But never was a greater mistake made. Just try that voice on some death-like or ghastly scene, and if the piece itself cannot make "each separate and particular hair" of the heads of the gaping audience "to stand on end like the quills of the fretful porcupine," the voice will.

The result of all peculiar ideas concerning the human voice and the mania for speaking pieces culminate in what is known as prize-speaking contests, on which occasion you will see young men double themselves up and howl and groan in the same way as persons in olden times were supposed to do when possessed of him who was the leader of the rebel heavenly host.

E. H. Cutts, '96.

Obituary.

'35. James Houghton Phelps.

Judge James H. Phelps died at the home of his daughter in Suffield, Conn., on Sept. 16th, at the age of seventy-six. He had been gradually failing for some time, and his death can be said to have been caused by the feebleness of old age. The body was taken to West Townshend, Vt., for interment.

Judge Phelps was born in West Townshend, Sept. 6, 1817. The family of which he is a member have been leaders in Vermont affairs for 125 years, having held many important offices of trust and honor. It was always a family of able lawyers, though not of large practice. The original Charles Phelps brought one of the first law libraries into the State. The care of a large estate devolved upon the young man as he reached maturity and continued to occupy much of his time through life and prevented him from winning the distinction in the practice of his profession to which his talents and industry entitled him. He was fitted for college at Chesterfield academy, and was graduated from Middlebury college in 1835, before he was 18. He read law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar of Windham county at the April term, 1839. He was appointed register of probate for the district of Westminster by Judge Ellery Albee in 1842, and continued in that office while the latter was judge, which was until 1846. He was elected second assistant judge of Windham county court by the general assembly in 1846, and first assistant in 1847, and filled those offices respectively in each year. He was representative from Townshend in the general assembly in 1848 and 1849. He was made president

of West River bank at Jamacia when it was organized in 1854. He was a senator from Windham county in 1854 and 1856, and was representative from Townshend again in 1867. He filled all these offices with marked faithfulness, scrupulous care and conspicuous ability. This statement of offices held and official duties performed by no means expresses the fullness and usefulness of his life.

Probably there was not a man in Vermont, unless the late E. P. Walton, so well informed in State and local history. But besides his "Gathered Sketches" of his native town and the various chapters he worked in as auditor of Townshend's town reports, he has written little that has seen the light of publication. He helped others to write history instead of doing it himself, and there is hardly a writer of recent years on Vermont who has not been greatly aasisted by Judge Phelps. He had, including the books and papers of his ancestors, a vast accumulation of matter relating to these subjects, and which he some time ago gave to the public use through the Brooks library.

Judge Phelps was always a student; besides his historical explorations he translated the "Fleta," an old law book in Latin by a debtor in Fleet prison, and also a part of "Bracton" into English, but they were never published. He was not only learned in common law, but in Roman law far beyond the generality of even the most accomplished lawyers. His collection in the Brooks library is quite rich along these lines.

Intellectually he was a strong man, bright and brilliant, and it seems almost like a life-waste that such powers should have so meagre a record of practical achievement, because he lacked the spur of necessity. He had large conversational powers and was always, with his deep fund of information, his clear and cogent thought, and his candor, despite his positiveness, a most interesting and instructive man to meet.

He married, Nov. 7, 1844, Sophia C. Robbins, and two daughters were the fruit of the union, only one of whom survives, Mrs. A. R. Pierce of Suffield, Conn.

'36. Rev. John Blake,

who died at his home in New York city last July, was one of our older alumni, having graduated in the class of 1836, among which were Hon. William Slade of Middlebury and J. D. Butler, LL. D., of Madison, Wis. He was an Episcopal clergyman and was for many years chaplain in the United States navy. He was an able and earnest speaker, and the greater part of his life was spent in the city. He left a fortune of $101,000, bequeathing liberally to public institutions and $5000 to Middlebury College.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'53. Rev. W. N. Bacon of Bridport has been on a trip to the World's fair.

'58. The *Polytechuic* contains a good portrait and biographical sketch of Brainerd Kellogg, professor of English Language and Literature in the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. It speaks of him thus: "The professor has published a large number of works, among which the Rhetoric, English Literature, Edition of Shakespeare's Plays and his contributions to the English Classic series are most prominent. He has also colaborated with Mr. Reed, formerly of this institution, in a series covering the grammatic field. His magazine articles have also demanded much of his attention. Prof. Kellogg has lectured frequently before the Brooklyn Institute, of whose Philological department he is president. In Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey he has spoken, in conjunction with the respective State secretaries, through various counties. He has read papers at meetings of the National and other teachers' associations, and has been selected twice to deliver the oration at the convention of his Greek Letter Society. Mr. Kellogg is a peripatetic Sabbatarian, and we are informed by a contemporary that the only boasting he has ever been heard to indulge in is of his long walks. That worthy paper also suggests to us that in these times of political agitation the professor is only anxious lest he should be deprived of his pull in the gymnasium. Though when all of us first sit in his classes, we find our gratification somewhat tempered with fear, the terrors of the Freshman year soon fade away, for the Sophomores return next fall to be received into the confidences which the experiences of the previous season may warrant. Even under the provocation of lengthy orations he is patient, but those who write briefly feel they know him best. Prof. Kellogg was born in Champlain, N. Y., and has led a most active life. He

has been one of the Corporation of Middlebury College for thirteen years. Some years ago he was honored with the degree of LL. D. It is impossible to find him idle at any time of day. At the close of the college year he removes to Middlebury, whose commencement exercises he has supervised and directed everyspring,with two exceptions, since his graduation."

'64. President Brainerd read a paper on "Mrs. Williard, the Pioneer of Woman's Higher Education," at the meeting of the Western Vermont Congregational club in Rutland recently.

'64. Dr. Chas. E. Prentiss went to New York, October 6.

'74. Edward Dyer Ellis, M. D., is proprietor of a drug store at Poultney.

'79. Rev. John W. Chapman, who went out to Alaska, about six years ago, as a missionary of the Episcopal church, has been in Middlebury on a visit.

'79. Frank E. Whipple is a physician in Danby.

'82. Dr. Carroll B. Ross of West Rutland has recently visited the World's fair.

'83. Samuel Sheldon, professor of physics in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, spent the summer in Middlebury.

'86. Jesse A. Ellsworth was quietly married to Mrs. Lillian B. Gould at the home of the bride in Rutland, Sept. 27, Rev. Geo. W. Phillips officiating. None but the family relatives and near friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth left town immediately for a short driving tour, after which they visited the World's fair. They will make their home in New York, where Mr. Ellsworth has resided for several years. He is the traveling representative of D. C. Heath & Co., for New York and Vermont.

'89. Prentiss C. Hoyt is principal of the Middlebury High school.

'90. H. M. Goddard, who graduated from the Yale Theological seminary last spring, is pastor of the Congregational church in South Royalton, Vt.

'91. A. N. Prentiss, who has a government position in Washington, D. C., spent a two-weeks' vacation with his parents in Middlebury, returning Oct. 1.

'92. J. F. McNaboe is in New York, where he will soon enter a law school.

'93. Cady is pastor of the Methodist church and also teaching at East Middlebury. He has just returned from a trip to the World's fair.

'93. Donoway is studying law with Mayor Haselton and doing editorial work on the *Burlington Independent.*

'93. Hasseltine is studying law with State's Attorney F. L. Fish in Vergennes.

'93. Hesselgrave is principal of Beeman Academy at New Haven.

'93. Miss Dorsey is teaching in the Vermont Episcopal Institute at Burlington.

'93. Sturtevant had a position on the United States Bureau of Food Analysis at the World's fair. During the year he will study at Weslyan university, having secured a fellowship in that institution.

'93. Megathlin was employed by Ginn & Co. during the summer to introduce their text-books into the public schools of Pennsylvania. He entered the Andover Theological Seminary at the opening of the year.

'93. Miner is principal of a graded school in Essex, N. Y.

'93. Seeley has entered Union Theological Seminary.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Every member of the association should make special effort at this, the beginning of the College year, that active and effectual work may be done. New members should be sought for and looked after. We shall not get these unless we really want them. The association needs them for their sake as well as its own. Every active member means or should mean, a soldier, and an increased enlistment will mean a multiplication of conquering power.

If there is one subject in all the range of human knowledge that is worthy the attention of a young man or woman who lays any claim to a liberal education, that subject is the Bible. And yet how few college students devote any serious attention to the study of this remarkable book. Amid all the hosts of claims upon the time and energy of the student, with every professor tugging with might and main to get all his time : with the claims, more or less pressing, of fraternity affairs ; with all the attractions of society and sports, and, above all, the natural laziness of mankind, small indeed is the time left for this important work. The average man expects, when he has left college, to take up this study and prosecute it with more regularity

and vigor. But it is a well-known fact that if the habit of systematic Bible study is not formed in college it is never formed. The habits of mind and thought made in college generally last through life. The ideal method of Bible study is reached in every other branch of learning. The ingenuity and patience of the instructors are all devoted to practical and efficient methods of study in classics, science and literature. But during the whole formative period of the lives of the men and women who will make or unmake the nation, the hand of scholarship and careful oversight is not directed to this study. It is a matter of profoundest regret that there is no course of Bible study in the regular college curriculum, with some competent professor to carry it on. But since this is at present impossible, the next best thing must be resorted to. Two Bible classes have been started under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. Bible study committee with the hope of supplying in part the lack so manifest. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity, and give careful and conscientious attention to this most important subject.

Three active members have been added to the association from the class of '97, Elmer G. Brigham, Luther A. Brown and Marcus D. Whitney.

Members of the Freshman class are especially invited to attend the meetings every Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, in the chapel. This is a college association which needs your presence and help.

Base Ball.

The base ball team suffered a severe loss with the departure of the class of '93. Six of the nine were in this class, among these the battery. The team was re-organized at the opening of the term, Manager Ross acting as captain. Two games were played; the first on the campus Sept. 20, with the following result:

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Adams	5	2	2	0	1	3	1
Grant	5	2	2	0	13	0	1
Ross	5	2	1	0	2	1	2
Wells	4	0	1	0	3	0	2
Parkhurst	5	0	1	0	0	3	1
Dorsey	5	0	0	1	7	0	1
Kimball	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Riggs	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Lamson	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	10	1	27	7	9

Earned runs, 2; 2 base hits, Adams and Ross; base on balls off Adams, 7; stolen bases, 4; bases on hit by pitched ball, 2; passed balls by Grant; struck out by Adams, 12.

BRISTOL.

Whittemore	4	2	1	0	1	0	1
Shedrick	6	1	1	0	4	0	1
Newton	6	1	1	0	9	0	2
A. Gove	4	0	1	0	3	2	2
Daggett	3	0	0	0	0	4	1
C. Gove	4	0	0	0	0	2	1
Pettit	5	0	0	0	3	1	0
Hatch	5	1	0	0	3	0	1
Hanks	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	41	5	4	0	25	9	9

Earned runs, 0; 2 base hits, Shedrick; stolen bases, 9; qases on balls off Daggett; passed balls by Shedrick, 2; struck out by Daggett, 11.

The return game, played Saturday in Bristol, resulted in the same way. The game untii near the close was close and exciting, and the interest and applause of the large throng of spectators were enthusiastic. In the final inning the game was won by the college team. The pitching of Adams was the feature of the game, he striking out 15 men. This game closed the season. The score is given below:

MIDDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

	AB.	IB.	BH.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Adams	5	1	2	0	1	15	0
Grant	5	0	2	0	13	4	1
Ross	5	0	0	1	3	3	0
H. Wells	4	0	1	0	2	1	0
Parkhurst	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
T. Wells	4	1	1	0	1	1	3
Kimball	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dorsey	4	2	2	0	6	0	0
Lamson	4	1	0	1	0	0	1
Total	39	7	8	2	27	24	6

Earned runs, 1; bases stolen, 3; double play, Wells, Ross and Dorsey; bases on balls off Adams, 4; struck out by Adams, 15; passed balls by Grant, 1.

BRISTOL.

Whittemore	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shedrick	4	0	1	0	8	1	1
Newton	4	2	1	0	4	5	0
A. Gove	4	0	1	0	6	0	3
Daggett	3	1	1	0	2	8	1
C. Gove	3	0	0	0	3	1	2
Hatch	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hanks	4	0	1	0	3	1	3
R. Shedrick	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	31	3	5	0	27	16	11

Earned runs, 0; bases stolen, 5; double play, 0; bases on balls off Daggett, 0; struck out by Daggett, 6; passed balls by Shedrick, 4.

Some ball playing is seen on the grounds each day, and a game arranged between the two upper classes and the two lower is intended for this week. It is to be hoped that earnest and untiring efforts will be made by the members of the old team and those interested in base ball playing that we may be able to place another team in the field next spring. If not quite as strong as our former team, by constant practice it might prove a good representative and help to keep alive athletic interests.

Town and Campus.

Foster, '96, returned to college Sept. 27.

Hayes, '94, is manager of the foot ball team.

Hayden, '97, was ill the fore part of last week.

Eddy, '94, and Adams, '95, are class monitors.

New chairs have been put in the reading-room.

Miss Martha Alexander is visiting at Prof. Wright's.

Sniffen, '96, will not return to the college this year.

Sturtevant, '93, was in town the fore part of the term.

Cutts, '96, is taking his meals at Shepherd's restaurant.

Wilcox, '96, went home Oct. 6 and remained over Sunday.

Brown and Shedrick '97 are rooming at Miss Comstock's.

Cadwell and Shedrick, '97, are boarding at Miss Comstock's.

Hayes and Chapman, '94, are boarding at the Logan House.

Colby, '92, was in town a few days during the fore part of the term.

The campus present a beautiful appearance in its autumnal foliage.

The gymnasium has been improved by painting and new additions.

Some new doors are being put in and others repaired in Starr Hall.

Fullam, '95, has gone on a trip to Madison, Wis., and the World's fair.

Prof. Eaton's new house, southeast of the college, is nearing completion.

Original chapel orations and essays are the order of the day for this year.

One morning recently a horse strayed into the lower part of the chapel.

Miss Janes, '97, entertained a few members of her class Friday evening Oct. 6.

H. P. Williamson, formerly of '95, has recently returned from the World's fair.

Barlow, Grant and Douglass, '95, have been chosen auditors for the boarding hall.

Miss Pollard, '96, was called away for about a week during the early part of the term.

Eddy and Seely, '94, Seely, '95, and Merrill, '96, visited the World's fair during vacation.

Vicker, '95, was summoned to his home, Sept. 17, by the sudden death of his grandfather.

Chapman and Hayes, '94, Douglass and Ross, '95, passed the summer as waiters at Saratoga.

The three tennis courts have been rolled and put in good condition and are well patronized.

LaFleur and Bigelow, '94, Scott, '95, Russell, '96, and Hayden, '97, are boarding at Miss Dudley's.

Taylor, '96, has gone to Colorado for the benefit of his health, which has become somewhat impaired.

LaFleur, '94, Wilson, '95, and Foster and Russell, '96, were employed during vacation at the World's fair.

O. J. Sawyer, '94, W. H. Eldredge, '95, and Miss A. L. King, '94, have been appointed assistant librarians.

Two Bible classes have been started, one in each division of Starr Hall, with Barlow and Vicker, '95, as leaders.

Six of the High school graduates entered the class of '97—Kimball, Parkhurst, Shedrick, Piper, Lyons and Miss Rockwood.

Prof. Wright and family spent the summer at Akron, Ohio. He is soon to move into the house southeast of the college.

M. C. Robbins, who delivered a lecture on the World's fair at the town hall Oct. 7, was a guest of Lamson, '96, while in town.

R. O. Wooster, '95, has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism, and was obliged to go home, but has now returned.

The following have been chosen as the reading-room committee: Chairman, Barlow, '95; assistants, Riggs, 96, and Hayden, '97.

Grant, '95, spoke on the "Duties of the President" at the county convention of the Christian Endeavor societies at Cornwall on Sept. 29.

Adams, '95, played in three tennis tournaments during the summer and won two prizes. He ranks among the first players in the State.

Wooster, '95, Blossom, Goodman, Lamson, Moore and Roscoe, '96, Miss Breckenridge, '95, and Miss Roseman, '96, are boarding at Mrs. Taylor's.

Wilcox, '96, was employed during vacation as wait-

er in a hotel at Thousand Islands; Wooster, '95, was night clerk at Loon Lake House, Loon Lake, N. Y.

Prof. and Mrs. McGilton passed their vacation in Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago. They have rooms this year at Miss Clay's on Court street and board at the Addison House.

G. E. Cady, '93, while at the World's fair, secured G. L. Hasseltine, '93, to act as teacher in his place. G. C. Lamson, '96, preached in his stead at East Middlebury Oct. 1.

Of the boys who were agents for "What Can a Woman Do," during the summer, Lamson, '96, took 130 orders and Moore 108. Wales, '96, took 125 orders for the "Cottage Physician."

Sargent and Toleman, '94, Adams, Barlow, Douglass, Fullam, Grant, Ross, Vicker and Wright, '95, Davis, Edgerton, Foster, Wales, Munroe and Wilcox, '96, are boarding at Starr Boarding Hall.

Philip Battell Stewart, son of Gov. John W. Stewart, was married, Sept. 20, to Miss Sarah Frances Cowles, at York Harbor, Me., at the summer residence of Alfred Cowles, brother of the bride.

Prof. Wright is giving a series of lectures on the Bible each Sunday at the Congregational church to the class which Prof. Eaton had last year. Prof. Eaton is giving a similar series to a class of young ladies of the college.

The following officers have been elected by the Freshman class: L. A. Brown, president; Miss I. A. Hurlburt, vice president; M. D. Whitney, treasurer; A. C. Parkhurst, toastmaster; E. G. Bridgham, orator; Miss M. E. Dunbar, poet; Miss M. A. Towle, prophet.

The Starr Boarding Hall association has been reorganized and put on a strictly cash basis. The following officers have been chosen: President, C. A. Adams, '95; vice-president, C. L. Ross, '95; secretary, J. Barlow, '95; treasurer, A. A. Sargent, '94; steward, H. A. Vicker, '95.

One peculiarity of the Freshman class is that they are not particularly fresh. Of course they possess a sufficient amount of this quality to make them easily recognizable, but there seems to be no abnormal development in this line among them. However, they may do anything if given time.

The Sophomores have elected the following class officers: President, D. H. Blossom; vice-president, Miss Ava Hawley; secretary, Miss Mabel Ware; reasurer, Miss Alice Tyler; toastmaster, James Moore; orator, G. C. Lamson; poet, Mrs. May Barton; historian, Charles Fitzpatrick; base ball manager, Chas. Prentiss; foot ball manager, Charles Fitzpatrick.

The Juniors have chosen the following officers for the *Kaleidoscope*: Editor-in-chief, Chas. L. Ross; assistants, Miss Verder, Miss Palmer, C. A. Adams, B. E. Marshall, G C. Douglass, J. Barlow; business manager, R. O. Wooster; assistant, W. S. Grant. It is hoped that this board will push the undertaking with great vigor and fully equal or surpass all previous records.

The Freshman class is composed of 19 members, as follows: Messrs. Elmer G. Bridgham of Minot, Me.; Luther A. Brown of Galway, N. Y.; John A. Cadwell, Jr., of New Haven; Benjamin L. Hayden of Hamilton, N. Y.; Charles P. Kimball, Thomas G. Lyons, Jr., and Smith C. Shedrick of Middlebury; Arthur C. Parkhurst of East Templeton, Mass.; Arthur Piper of Elk Grove, Cal.; Marcus D. Whitney of Granville, N. Y.; and Misses Marion E. Dunbar of Island Pond, Harriet D. Gerould of Hollis, N. H.; Mary A. Goodwin of South Woodstock, Conn.; Ellen C. Gordon and Florence M. Holden of Worcester, Mass.; Ada A. Hurlburt of Weybridge; Anna L. Janes of St. Albans; Flora C. Rockwood of East Middlebury, and Mary A. Towle of Jamestown, N. Y.

The initiation exercises of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity were held in the fraternity hall Friday evening, Oct. 6. The initiates were all from '97, as follows: Luther A. Brown of Galway, N. Y.; Marcus D. Whitney of Granville, N. Y.; Smith C. Shedrick of Middlebury; Elmer G. Bridgham of Minot, Me.

After the initiation ceremonies an elegant collation was served. When every one was satisfied with the good things for the inner man toasts were called for, P. C. Hoyt, '89, acting as toast-master, and were responded to as follows:

Our Fraternity,	F. H. Bigelow, '94.
Our Former Days,	G. L. Hasseltine, '93.
Our Days Together,	James Moore, '96.
Our Lady Friends,	John Barlow, '95.
Our Delegation,	L. A. Brown, '97.
Our Future,	G. C. Lamson, '96.

The exercises were closed with a solo by Roscoe, '96. Hasseltine, '93, also rendered several solos during the evening.

The class of '97 was quietly received at the beginning of the term by the class of '96, and unusual quiet and peace for a time existed. However, the Freshmen being inspired by the quiet and inoffensive manner of the Sophomores and the advice of upper class-men, tried a rush down the chapel stairs one morning, but started to a great disadvantage and were held in abeyance while the President came to the rescue. Soon after a challenge "man for man" to a cane rush was posted by '97. This '96 refused to consider. Whereupon the Freshmen tried to bring canes to chapel next morning, but were outnumbered and their canes broken by the Sophomores. Another challenge was then posted reading "class for class." This challenge a minority of the Sophomores accepted and appointed a committee to confer with the committee of '97. The majority of the Sophomore class opposed the rush for the same reason as last year. After the challenge was accepted the Freshmen were not so full of eagerness for the rush and the two committees met and conditions were made whereby a rush may take place Friday.

MEDITATIONS OF GERRO.

Life is short, but the life of the book agent who came to the rural dwelling of Gerro one calm and balmy day last July will be considerably shortened from the usual span of human existence if he ever comes within the range of the old musket our grandfather carried in the late unpleasantness. That memorable afternoon will ever live in the deepest cerebral convolutions of Gerro. We had just returned from the stump-lot, where we had been engaged in the pleasant and honorable occupation of watering turnips, and had seated ourself upon the grass beneath the apple tree and were engaged in deep speculations on the vanity of human life. On the wings of our imagination we were soaring into the misty Elysian fields of Utopia; the cares and perplexities of this life were melted into gentle tints of joy, as the rugged peaks of the distant mountains are tempered into waves of softest color; the humming of bees, the rustle of leaves, the carols of birds were transformed into strains of celestial harmony; when, lo, like the blow of a hammer on the crystal brittleness of a pane of glass, sounded the brisk, energetic step of the unguiculate foot of a book agent. The deepest depths of misery which the human organism is capable of sustaining are reached when the slumberous meditations of the slothful are rudely interrupted. But we did not quite expire. As the oily flow of his carefully prepared speech ran unceasingly on, and as the hours of rest sped swiftly by, the long-hidden fires of calor, so long held in strongest abeyance by our profound philosophy, began once more to force themselves to the surface, the book agent arose and got him into the regions of the otherwhere. But we haven't yet recovered our self-control.

The Professor was carefully threading his way among the arch stones and tackling of the new bridge, keeping his eyes carefully attentive of the motions of the big derrick, admiring at the same time the splendid beauties of the reddening maples about him, and carrying on at the same time a continuous conversation with his companion, when suddenly he stooped and picked up a fragment of stone lying at his feet. A careful examination of the fragment showed the presence of some ancient snail or clam whose breath was stopped long ere Adam wooed the lovely daughter of Eden. Probably a hundred had stepped within a foot of that stone, and only one had seen the rare nature and long history of the little bit of limestone.

So all around us, on our right hand and on our left, lie the beauties and wonders of this marvellous world in which we live, and one man in a hundred sees them. At our right hand and on our left are the steps that lead to greatness and fame. and one man in a million perceives and avails himself of them. Wherein does greatness lie, then? In the flashing and sparkling scintillation of a brilliant genius? In the blazing beacon of a mighty intellect? Or in the open eyes that see the things about them?

Somebody said there was a boys' annex going to be added to Middlebury female college. The donor of the funds for this philantrophic work is as yet not known. He will probably be set down in history as one of the greatest benefactors of his race.

Exchanges.

Although a little late in coming out this issue, the UNDERGRADUATE is among the first college papers to be published thus early in the year. As yet but few of our exchanges have arrived. Among the number is noticeable the *Bowdoin Orient*, as fresh and lively as

usual, containing much of college interest. The *Polytechnic* also appears in good taste, wittily gotten up and containing a few creditable stories. The *Williams Weekly* arrived last week for the first time this year, and elucidates its accustomed logic and common sense. The *University Herald* comes to us with a creditable issue under a new board of editors. Our esteemed friend, the *Bates Student*, is also at hand, and has some literary matter of credit. The *Lombard Review* gives some facts about colleges which are worthy of consideration, and we clip the following: "To us the advantages seem to lie rather with the small college. Certain it is that our great men are all graduates of such. If we look for a moment back over the pages of history we shall find that the great men in the civil, religious or professional service are all from the ranks of the smaller colleges. The reasons are obvious. The small class gives opportunity for each one to express his opinion on every subject and have it criticised, thereby teaching him not only to form opinions of his own but to form those correctly. The personal supervision of the instructor directs the student's investigations into the proper channel, so that his work is systematic and consequently effective. The immediate moral influence of and personal contact with the professors tends to develop the mind in the proper direction and leads the student to ever set a high price upon honor and virtue. In fact, it seems as if the student of a small college has the advantage of the greatest number of good influences and the least number of bad ones thrown around him. The earnest student finds abundant opportunity for the application of his faculties, while he who is not desirous of taking advantage of his opportunities soon grows into touch with his surroundings and becomes an eager, active searcher in the fields of truth. It is our opinion that the students who wish the greatest good to come from their college work should not hesitate which college to choose. Perhaps they may not become so proficient in tennis, football or scientific athletics, nor will they perhaps learn the unpleasant features of hazing, but they will come out with that solid development of mind and morals which in the end wins the victory. The end and aim of education should be not to learn the facts in books especially, but to furnish such training as will fit the student for the work of life."

Miss Edith M. Thomas gives some autumnal impressions in her graceful article, "The Undertime of the Year," in the October *Atlantic:* The season is nearing its second childhood, bland and idle. It persuades one that to let the time carelessly slip through one's fingers is, after all, no serious neglect of opportunity. "I've done with thrift," says yonder sunshiny field covered with gossamer; "how is it with you?" There is less thistle-down afloat since the rain. The pappus has been glued down to the stalk, as it were, and it takes this plumage some time to dry out and become buoyant again. I notice the dry fragrance of the asters along the angles of the rail-fence,—a fragrance suggesting the flavor of brown honey, or that here might be obtained vast supplies of the meal which enters into the making of bee bread. Already there seems to be some silver-rod among the golden-rod, the pluming of the seed starts at the top of the spike, thus corresponding with the order which the flower observed in blooming—from the top downwards. Wherever I look across the pasture, I see a rusty olive black or a red breast. True to robin custom, these birds grow social as the sun lowers. They scatter small notes of affability, pipings of confidence and compliment. I hear the wet clapping of wings. There is a diminutive, clear ittle lake formed by the recent rain in a dimple of the pasture. Two robins are bathing therein; a third waits his turn, hops near, then retreats, as though the splashing of the others were somewhat too vigorous for his liking; else he requires more room for his ablutions. The bathers fling a fine spray around them as they shake out their wings and trip away, small body and soul refreshed. Call this time in the season The Little Summer of Robin Redbreast.

College Notes.

Cornell will celebrate its 25th anniversary this month.

Greek is no longer required for admission into Williams.

There are 430 colleges in the United States with 122,523 students.

Senior vacation has been abolished at the University of Wisconsin. [*Ex.*

The increase in attendance this year at the University of Illinois is over two hundred.

Miss Julia Stevenson, daughter of Vice-President Stevenson, is a member of the entering Freshman class at Wellesley College. Miss Stevenson's younger sister is attending the Dana Hall preparatory school in Wellesley.

That the United States looks after her educational interests is shown by the following statistics: Last year the United States spent $155,000,000 for education, while Great Britain spent $35,000,000, and France only $25,000,000.

The University of Pennsylvania has decided to offer among the college courses this year one designed to prepare young men for newspaper work. It will be in charge of Prof. Joseph French Johnson, and will cover a period of four years. The student will be allowed in the first two years to elect with considerable freedom the studies most suited to his tastes, although the maximum of English will be insisted on, and the natural sciences and modern languages will be recommended. The curriculum for the Junior and senior years consists mainly of politics, history, finance, economics and statistics; the purpose being to treat these subjects in such a way that the student will be thoroughly at home in a discussion of any topic of public interest. The *World* speaks as follows on the subject: "There is a popular notion that journalists, like poets, are born not made. But the born journalist may be improved by a cultivation of his native talents, and certainly those who are without natural genius may profit by training. Good talents properly trained are better than the same talents untrained. Men become very respectable and useful physicians, lawyers, manufacturers, merchants, brokers and soldiers who had no foreordination of these callings, simply by diligently learning the facts and rules which everybody must master in order to achieve success. The application of knowledge and principles to the conditions of actual experience is what tests every man's adaptation to his work. With some a right application is instinctive; with others it is a matter of rule and deliberate consideration. With others it seems a wholly impossible achievement. What is needed in our colleges is a lectureship on journalism in which men who have achieved success shall set forth the conditions and requirements of the profession, affording those who are inclined to enter upon that work a just notion of its character, its seriousness, its exactions and its rewards.

MY IDEAL STUDENT.

By Benj. Ide Wheeler, Professor of Greek in Cornell University.

There may be no ideal student at Cornell, but there is certainly a student ideal. There is a certain type of man that commands unfailingly the respect of students and faculty, and in this type is betrayed our ideal. The men who have the genuine respect of the students have in general the respect of the faculty also, and *vice versa*. This principle has seemed to me to apply at Cornell somewhat more exactly than is ordinarily the case in American colleges. At least it is so as compared with the two other colleges with which I have been connected. Professors and students stand very near together. Hence it results that on most things there is one academic "public opinion" and not two.

This typical Cornell student, then, may be described in outline somewhat as follows: He need not be rich. He is probably not of patrician descent. As between city, town and county he is most likely to represent the smaller towns or villages. He is manly, strong, decided. In physique he is rugged and may well be an athlete. There must be nothing effeminate about him. Of all things there must be nothing about him to encourage a suspicion that he locates the *omphalos* of the world's hope outside of America. He is a hard worker. He is energetic rather than contemplative, business like rather than formally refined. He has appropriated little, perhaps some would say too little, of that common theory of college residence whereby it is a sort of bureau drawer in which pears are laid away to ripen. He is thoroughly in touch with modern life. He is an optimist and progressist. He is reached more by good enthusiasms than by criticism. While representing a mean between the eastern and western spirit, he leans toward Chicago rather than toward Boston. In religion he is not an indifferentist or an agnostic, and yet he may always be trusted to take the broad view. Cant he abhors, and the fanatic and reactionary cannot move him.

VACATION.

The clamorous bell now hush'd—
And weary toil suspended,
And every cheek with joy is flush'd
To think the term is ended.

With lightest hearts away we'll go,
Our feet so lightly bounding;

For 'tis enough to only know
The bell no more is sounding.

All now is still about the college—
The sons of science climbing
No more the rugged steep of knowledge,
Are now at ease reclining.

The languages we'll leave behind,
Our coming calmly waiting,
They say they discipline the mind—
To me they're only prating.

Our mathematics, too, we'll leave;
We made a good beginning;
The ratio, square and circle give—
Unknown as end of sinning.

Our friends with loving smiles we'll greet,
Nor ever feel repining,
Although we should in sorrows meet,
And find our hopes declining.

O'er hills and valleys green we'll stray,
While Nature, sweetly blooming,
Sends forth the blossoms of the spray,
And birds their notes are tuning.

From Nature, too, we'll take delight,
For 'tis a noble treasure
To see within our feeble sight
The joyous scenes of pleasure.

This time of rest is yet so fleeting
We soon shall be returning,
Again our old companions greeting,
To tread the paths of learning.

Again the bell resumes its tone,
Again to us is sounding,
Alas! the short vacation's gone
With toil alone abounding.

A THOUGHT.

The spray that reluctantly bends
'Neath its burdens of night weeping dew
When the sun has arisen, ascends,
But retains not a gem for the view.

So the soul which has glitter'd so bright,
While weighed down with adversity's pain,
Oft loses its soft, beaming light
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